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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete page "6/6" of the drawings also labeled as "Reference numerals in the drawings".

Enclosed are annotated Figs. 3, 7A, 7B, and Fig. 8 and substitute drawings for the same figures.

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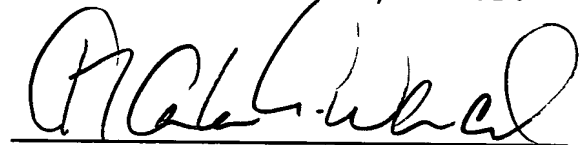
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to identify the application as a national phase application, to delete page 6 from the drawings, and to replace Figs. 3, 7A, 7B, and 8 with substitute drawings bearing a prior art legend.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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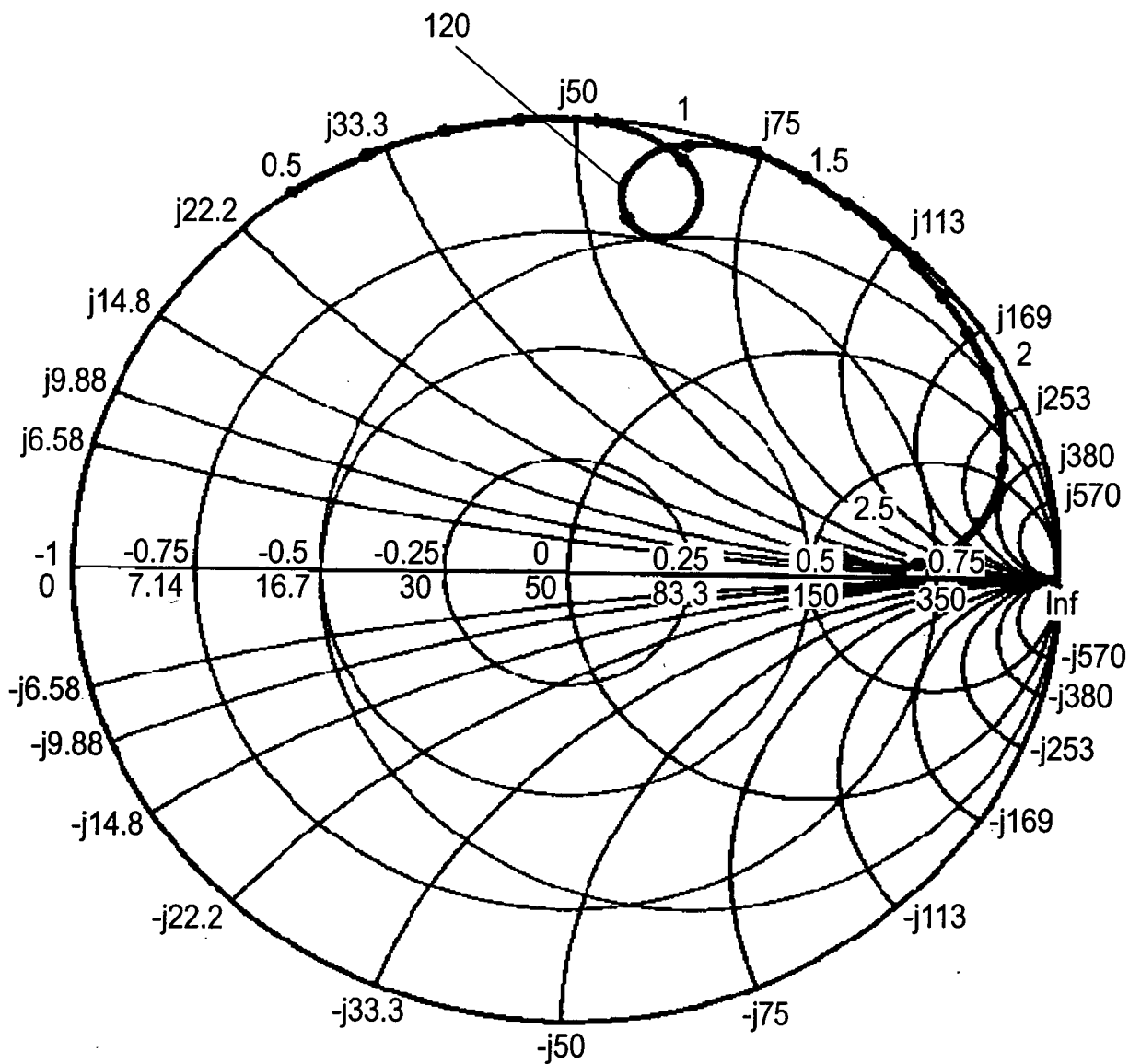
Annotated and Replacement Drawings
of Figs. 3, 7A, 7B, and 8

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FIG. 3 *PRIOR ART*



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FIG. 7A
PRIOR ART

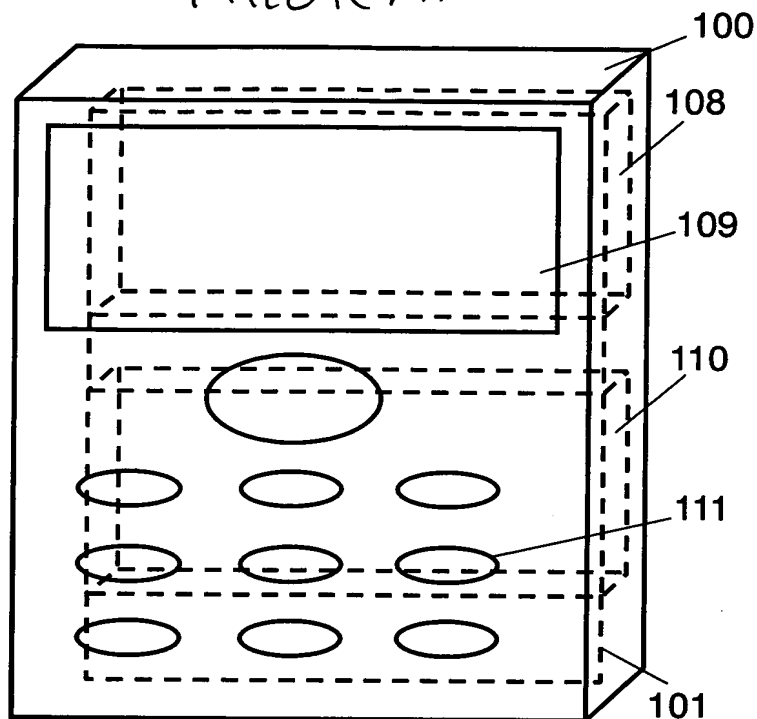


FIG. 7B
PRIOR ART

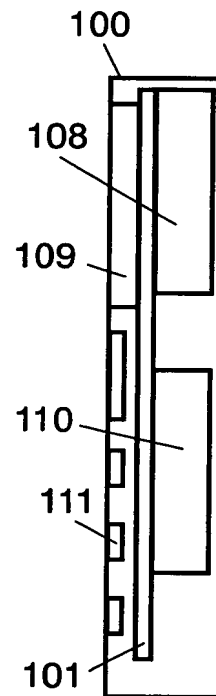


FIG. 8 PRIOR ART

